

A True and Perfect

# RELATION

Of the Proceedings at the

## Sessions-House

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### Old-Baily :

From *Wednesday* the 7<sup>th</sup>. of this Instant *March*, to *Fryday* the 9<sup>th</sup>. Being a full account of all the Remarkable Tryals; Examinations, and Condemnations of several Malefactors for their several Crimes.

But especially, a particular Narrative of the Tryal and Condemnation of those Notorious Offenders which were found Guilty of that Hainous and Impudent Crime, of Stealing my Lord *Cancellours* Mace, and Purse, &c. with a perfect Relation, how and by what means they Accomplish that Wicked design.

Also an account of the Particulars of those Transactions, whereby the Gentleman came to be Wounded to Death in *Finch-Lane* in *February* last.

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**T**He impudent, and almost unparalel'd attempt of Stealing my *Lord Chancellors Mace* and Purse, &c. Is so notorious a Crime, that I am certain the honest Reader cannot but have a great curiosity to understand the events and Circumstances of which he may probably imagine; are inevitably linckt to so wicked a Crime: Nor will his expectation be frustrated ( unless the fault be in the Relator ) when he shall hear what subtle contrivancies went to the accomplishment, and what remarkable hits of Providence to the discovery of so wicked a design.

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But because the Sessions was so great that there is no room left for a preambler, I shall without further Ceremony fall upon the proceedings.

Upon the 7<sup>th</sup>. Instant three of those persons were concern'd in this Robbery were called to the Bar, viz. *Sadler* and *Johnson* who were the chief if not only Actors of this impiety, and also another young man who had served an apprenticeship to a Goldsmith, and upon examination prov'd to be an accomplice in the Robbery.

The first of those two were no great strangers to *New-Gate*, especially the former of them, that is to say *Sadler*, who as it appeared had taken many degrees in that Notorious Colledge, and not contented with the clemency of the gracious favours which had pul'd him out of the Arms of Surreptitious Ruin, when his extravagancies had render'd his life but an imperfect sacrifice to offended Justice.

However he appear'd in a Gentle garb and as if Nature and Providence both had design'd to give his practices the lie, they had oblig'd him with a comely personage, and merry Countenance, and valuable Tongue, and if witty expressions may give us any insight to his intellects or Lanthorn and Candle us down to his under standing

ere might no less then probably guess that they had  
 ur- oblig'd him with ingenuity as well as complecti-  
 ere on; however our greatest perfections are not to at-  
 ar, tone the least of our Vices, and that person is  
 not reasonably thought to be so much undeserving of  
 ng the former, by how much he is guilty of the lat-  
 ld- ter. These three forementioned persons were called  
 an to the Bar together, and after the usual proclama-  
 ers tion of *Oyer and Terminer*, were to plead to their  
 nat Indictment, but that being erroneously plac'd, they  
 na- were suspended on *Wednesday*, and called again to  
 not their Tryal on *Thursday* morning.

At first they all pleaded not guilty, but evi-  
 dence was presently brought so flat against *Sadler*  
 urs that he could no longer withstand it, and therefore  
 p- openly confess that himself and *Johnson* were equal-  
 r'd ly and only accessory to the design. This *Johnson*  
 ed having served eight years in the capacity of an ho-  
 as nest apprenticeship, thought by the credit of his youth-  
 to ful deportment to obliterate the aspersions of his  
 th latter vicious conversation; which *Sadler*, whether  
 nd out of a good principle, or instigated by an invete-  
 ay rate envy I know not but he altogether contradict-  
 rn ed this *Johnson* in his plea of innocency as to the  
 Indictment, and holy affirm'd that the aforesaid  
 Goldsmith ( who was indicted with them ) was  
 only innocent. To

To expect the whole Tryal in a sheet would be unreasonable it being about three hours in desiding, wherefore to cut off that prolixity I shall Give you the Result of all the evidence I can remember (being an Eye and Ear witness) was brought against them, which is thus; it was proved that this *Sadler* and *Johnson* the Sunday before this Robbery was committed, we observ'd walking near and surveying my *Lord Chancellors* House, and that afterwards them two hearing that my *Lord's* Servants on the *Tuesday* following intended to make some merriment after their Lord was gon to Bed, had appointed a Porter on purpose to look to, and guard the house whilst they were in their merriment. The servant who had charge of my *Lords* closet had caused the window that same day to be repaired and the *Glazier* went out of the said closet being busied about mending the windows not till about four of the Clock in the afternoon, so that about two hours after, the said servant removing the Mace and Purse to their accustomed places in that closet, went out as aforesaid to his intended Jollity; but in fine, when he came the next morning to look after his charge, he found one of the Closet windows had been open'd, by means of a pain of Glass which was taken out below

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d be the hasp, and my Lords Mace and Purse removed out of the  
ing, Room, upon strickt examination *Sadler* could not deny but  
e you that he and *Forson* did the fact; and to see what slavery and  
(be. importances the Devil puts men to when he has once in-  
ainst gag'd them to act his black design; these two could not be  
*Sad.* contented thus feloniously and presumptuously to take away  
oery these Rich Signets of grandure [the Mace and Purse] but they  
and must needs assume so much Vanity

As they return'd through *Lincolns-Inn Fields*, about five  
of the Clock in the morning that one of them did not stick  
at to Bear the Mace up in open view, pittifully apeing the  
Grandure of a *Chancellor*, and i'll warrant you conceipting  
ants themselves at that juncture little Less.

But this Pride was soon after asswaged when by the in-  
ome spection of a poor Country Maid they were discovered to  
had be those Grand Malefactors who were published in the  
and *Gazet*, for stealing the Mace and Purse; they had all three of  
erri them layn some nights together, and the two first being  
ords plainly prov'd to be actually Guilty of the Robbery this  
o be third (who was the pretended Gold-smith, and bought part  
clo. of the Silver which came off the Mace, though *Sadler* im-  
ows pudently would have took the Crime upon himself, yet  
oon, because he was observed to be intimate with the other two, &  
want in the day time to be busily imployed in melting of Silver  
om- in their Lodgings, he was by the Jury equally pronounced  
d to Guilty.

The next Tryal worthy of Remark was concerning a  
the *Captain*, who happening to meet an old acquaintance new-  
one ly come from *Holland*, and going with him and others to  
rans drink at the fleece Tavern near the Exchange, they staid so  
low long there till when they came out they both fell down in  
the the street, with which fall being durty, they went into an  
Ale-house in *Finch-Lane*, to dry them; where they had

an hour and half but they went to try their strength by *turning of hands* with which and other such like little foole-ries they created such a difference that when they had paid their Reckoning and came out in the street they both drew and it being this *Captains* fortune to stand upon his guard in the dark the other Gentleman thinking to offend him runing upon his Enemies sword destroyed himself.

The next Tryal worthy our notice was one *Jane Vouch*, who for receiving the plate broken off the Mace and harbouring it in her Chamber, was with the other three her complices equally found Guilty.

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